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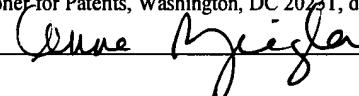
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified patent application.

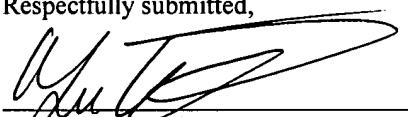
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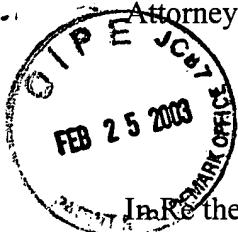
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified Application on the merits, please amend the Application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 23, and 24 as follows herein.

Sub > 1. (AMENDED) A method for making microspheres comprising a bioactive substance, the method comprising:

Q 1 dissolving a polymer with an organic solvent to produce a polymer solution;

adding a biologically effective amount of a bioactive substance to the solution to produce a mixture of the polymer and the bioactive substance;

vibrating the mixture to produce a bioactive substance-polymer complex;